

Cognitive & Language

Good Morning

Good Morning, good morning to you.
We're all in our places
With sunshiny faces,
and this is the way
to start a new day!

Learning Sign Language

Work with the children on learning the sign for monkey. Remember it may take some time. Be sure to continue to use your sign cards from day to day, week to week, month to month. Send home copies of the sign cards so the parents will learn and be able to follow along at home as their child learns the new sign.

monkey

Scratch the sides of the chest with both claw-shaped hands.

Literacy & Books

Monkey Peeps!

by Stephen Barker

Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed

by Eileen Christelow

Jungle Animals

by Amy Erickson

Music & Movement

Monkey See, Monkey Do

Monkey See, Monkey Do.
I say, "hello", you say, "hello"!
I pat my head, you pat yours.
I turn around you do the same.

Tiptoe tiptoe look at us.
Tiptoe tiptoe make a fuss.

Monkey See, Monkey Do.
I say, "this is fun" You say, "this is fun"
I clap my hands, you clap your hands.
I blink my eyes, you do the same.

Tiptoe, tiptoe look at us.
Tiptoe tiptoe make a fuss!

Math & Science

Monkey Sounds

Talk about the sounds a monkey makes. Encourage the children to tell you what sounds a monkey makes. Let the children continue to act like monkeys making their sounds in the jungle.

You make a sound and let them repeat it and continue. Toddlers love to imitate.

Small & Large Muscle

That's My Monkey!

Line the children up in a row and tell them we are going to play a different kind of relay game. Explain to them that when they hear a monkey sound they will take a step forward when they hear another animal sound they stay where they are. Think can only take a step forward when they hear the monkey. Continue until everyone is across the finish line. Everyone is a winner!

Sensory & Art

Monkey Scribbles

Materials Needed:

A Clean Table

Shaving Cream

Brown Powdered Tempera Paint

Provide each child with a squirt of shaving cream and a dash of brown tempera paint in front of them on a clean table.

Encourage them to draw monkeys in the shaving cream. How many monkeys can they draw. Count them together.